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TITLE OF INVENTION: INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE WITHOUT CONNECTING ROD AND A METHOD OF ITS CONSTRUCTION

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

NEW ABSTRACT

The invention relates to the structure of internal combustion engine without a connecting rod and a method of its construction. The proposed method of construction describes the consecutive steps in creating the engine and allows the creation of internal combustion engine without a connecting rod with six and more even number of arc-like units (6) whereat the heating of the opposite arc-like units (6) in the center 0.sub.1 of the The complex mounting and dismounting of the engine is removed. engine shaft is eliminated too, because according to the invention the engine shaft is not articulated of several details, but it is whole, uncut. Besides, the possibility is obtained for a change of the revolutions of the engine shaft (11) without reductor in one and the same stroke frequency of the pistons (3) movement by changing only the number of working cylinders of the engine.

Information Disclosure Statement

The listing of references

in the specification is not a proper information disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.98(b) requires a list of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office, and MPEP § 609.04(a) states, "the list may not be

^{1.} For example: "Star-like aircraft engine cross section named Lajkoming" Eng. Julius Mezkerle, "Vehicle engines with air coo!ing" page 220, Moscow 1959; translation from Czech into Russian; Nine cylinder aircraft engine "AM -62 HP" Petr S. Labasin, "Aircraft engine AM-62 HP", page 22, Moscow, 1972.

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incorporated into the specification but must be submitted in a separate paper."

Therefore, unless the references have been cited by the examiner on form PTO-892, they have not been considered.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Art of record does not teach and/or disclose "a method of construction of internal combustion engine without a connecting rod characterized in that that the number of working crank arms (n1) and the stroke of the pistons (S) in the cylinders are programmed in advance, whereat the number of the crank arms (n1) is an even number, equal to or greater than six, the center (O1) of the engine is marked and depending on the even number chosen of the crank arms (n1) there are drawn such a number of radial beams (fl...fn1) through the center (O1) which form equal central angles among them whereat the radial beams are axis lines of the working cylinders; the basic circumference KI with a center (O1) and a radius R1 is drawn depending on the chosen even number of the crank arms (n1) and the programmed stroke (S) of the pistons, which are connected by the relation R1 = S/1-cos alpha" as claimed in claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HYDER ALI whose telephone number is (571) 272-4836. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Kirk Cronin can be reached on (571) 272-4536. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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